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Procurement of Milk by DMS

6809. SHRI PIUS TIRKEY:
SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA:
SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI:
DR. MAHADEEPAK SINGH SHAKYA:
SHRI NITISH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Milk Scheme has taken a decision to procure milk from a private company due to increasing demand for milk in Delhi;

(b) if so, the rate at which the milk is procured to be procured from the private company;

(c) whether several complaints have been received against the proposed agreement with the private company; and

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) and (b). Last year, a situation arose when some local cooperative societies stopped the supply of milk to Delhi Milk Scheme (DMS) demanding higher prices for milk while their contract with DMS was still current. In order to maintain the level of milk supply to consumers in Delhi and avoid such situations, DMS decided to diversify its sources of supply. Accordingly, after calling open tenders orders were placed with some private agencies for the supply of milk. The private agencies are supplying milk to DMS at Rs. 7.53/Kg. and Rs. 7.73/ kg. per day.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Gas Pipeline upto Samgarh Gas Thermal power project in Rajasthan

6810. SHRI GIRIDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Gas Authority of India Ltd. has awarded any contract for construction associated gas pipeline up to Samgarh Gas Thermal Power Project in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the construction work has been started; and

(d) if so, the progress made so far?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Sustainable Agriculture

6811. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have set up an Expert Group of eminent Scientists to advise the Government on strategies to be followed on attaining substainable agriculture;

(b) if so, the composition of Group; and

(c) when the Group is likely to Submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) Sir, The Standing Policy Planning Committee of the Indian Council of

Agricultural Research has set up a sub-group on "Sustainability".

(b) The sub-group has fourteen members with Dr. J.S. Kanwar, an eminent Soil Scientist, as chairman. The members are eminent experts in the disciplines of Agronomy, Plant Breeding, Soil Science, Horticulture, Forestry and Plant Protection.

(c) The sub-group is to meet once in three months and submit recommendations from time to time.

Oil Palm Cultivation

6812. SHRI RAMA KRISHNA KONATHALA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Oilseeds Technology Mission has identified areas in Andhra Pradesh for cultivation;

(b) if so, the areas identified by the Mission;

(c) whether the proposal envisages replacement of existing crops; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) An Expert Committee constituted by the Ministry of Agriculture has identified certain areas in Andhra Pradesh for oil palm cultivation.

(b) The Export Committee identified 50,000 ha. in Krishna district and 1,00,000 ha. each in West Godavari and East Godavari districts.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Most of the areas identified are upland areas where the crops like bajra, jowar are presently grown.

Occupation of Land by Bangladesh

6813. SHRI DWARKA NATH DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that over 250 bighas of land at 'Dombari' along India-Bangladesh Border under Patharkandi L.A. Constituency in Karimganj district of Assam have forcibly been occupied by the Bangladeshis although the same are within Indian territory;

(b) whether the Government are also aware that as per Indira–Muzib Pact in 1974, Lathitila are under the above said constituency was transferred to Bangladesh and the Indian occupants had to surrender their rights of possession in lieu of compensation but until now nothing has been done in this regard; and

(c) if so, the steps taken/being taken in regard to (a) and (b) above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). There is no provision for payment of compensation in lieu of surrender of rights of possession in case of transferred areas in the Indo-Bangladesh Land Boundary Agreement of 1974. The people have the right of staying on where they are as nationals of the State to which the areas are transferred and status-quo is to be maintained pending demacration of the boundary.